

Uniform Information and Regulations – Year 7 – 11

We would like to remind your son or daughter that their appearance and behaviour at all times should be in a manner both worthy of their own dignity as young men and women and also worthy of Bishop Thomas Grant School as a Catholic Community whose name they carry. Dress reflects on our own self-image and is also a measure of how we regard other people. We have a uniform that is distinct and it is to be worn smartly and with pride at all times particularly on journeys to and from school as the students act as ambassadors of Bishop Thomas Grant School. Parents chose the school and are made aware of our high expectations and are required to support the school and ensure that their son or daughter wears the uniform conforming to the school regulations. All uniform including PE kit should have name labels attached inside.

Parents and visitors in and out of the school comment on how smart our students look and indeed the high standard of appearance in the school is often cited among the many reasons why parents choose the school for their children.

Our strict uniform and appearance regulations hope to provide consistency and fairness between students and does not offer the opportunity for any students to feel disadvantaged either financially or socially in not permitting any students to sport costly elaborate hair styles/ expensive items of fashion or designer/ logo styles to be worn. This approach has proved successful in avoiding bullying or peer pressure about appearance as a result of not being able to afford more expensive or fashionable clothes.

House System

Bishop Thomas Grant School operates a House System. The Houses are named after the four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Each House has an associated House Colour.

Matthew – White





Mark – Blue



Luke – Yellow



John – Red

Your child will be placed at random in one of these houses. Some items of the uniform are dependent on the House colours. When you purchase your child's uniform you must give Hewitts your child's name as they will know the House your child has been placed in.

When purchasing uniform, the uniform indicated with (H) should be purchased from Hewitts of Croydon, 45-51 Church Street, Croydon CR9 1QQ. All other uniform can be purchased from other retail outlets. All uniform must be clearly labelled with the owner's full name.

Blazers:	<p>Official bottle green with badge and yellow braiding on collar lapel. The blazer must be worn to, in and from school every day. The jumper may be removed but <u>not</u> the blazer. (H)</p> 
Tie (clip on):	<p>Official school clip on tie with house stripe only. (H)</p> 
Jumper/ Sleeveless Jumper:	<p>Official bottle green with embroidered crest only. (H) Worn over/outside shirt and not tucked in.</p> 
Skirt - Girls:	<p>Official kilt (style 116 in black) only, <u>this must completely cover the knee</u>, we are very strict about this expectation. (H)</p> 
Coats:	<p>Official Black Winter Coat with BTG Badge or Official Black Sports Wind Cheater Jacket with BTG Badge for Year 7, 8 and 9. (H)</p> <p>It would be appreciated if students in Year 10-11 purchased this coat</p> <p>Year 10 -11 plain black coat without logos, metal buttons, coloured hood lining or decorations of any kind. The coat must cover the blazer fully. No leather, denim, casual hoodie style or sports tops will be allowed.</p>

Trousers (Black) - Boys:	<p>The only style that is acceptable are tailored classic or formal styles, not the thin legged or “low ride” style of trousers. Trousers must not be ‘hipster’ in style but must come up to the waist. A school approved belt must be used to ensure trousers do not fall below the waist.</p> 
Belts:	Plain black belt <u>only</u> with simple buckle and no logos or designer labels.
Shirt/Blouse:	<p>Plain white traditional school shirt, to be tucked in at all times.</p> <p>Boys and Girls should wear undergarments that do not show through as a different colour.</p>
Socks:	<p>Boys: Plain black only.</p> <p>Girls: Plain black ankle socks for summer or knee-high black socks or plain black tights for winter. No legwarmers or patterned tights.</p> <p>No white or trainer style socks allowed.</p>
Shoes:	<p>Boys and Girls:</p> <p>All school shoes must be polished, smart and <u>traditional in style</u> and in plain black only.</p>  <p>This forbids any styles such as trainers, knee high/ankle boots, converse, canvas, ballet pumps, trainer style velcro strips, casual trainer style, fancy, or coloured stitching or labels.</p>
Jewellery: Health & Safety	<p>All “Smart” Watches i.e. Apple Watch are prohibited.</p> <p>Boys: An inexpensive wristwatch. No bracelets, chains, rings or <u>earrings</u>. No piercings allowed.</p> <p>Girls: An inexpensive wristwatch. No bracelets, chains or rings. One pair of small earrings, only gold or silver studs in <u>lower</u> lobe of the ears only. No pearl or decorative glass effect earrings.</p> <p>These should be no bigger than this circle. No other piercings are allowed.</p> <p>No multiple earrings on any other part of the ears are allowed.</p>
Hats/scarves	Only the official school <u>bottle green</u> knitted ski hat permitted. The school hat

(optional):	<p>must be worn flat to the head.</p> <p>The scarf should be plain school green or black standard size only. No pashmina/shawl style or snoods allowed.</p>
Gloves (optional):	Plain black or school green. No leather gloves. No gloves with logos or designer labels.
Bag:	<p>Boys and Girls:</p> <p>Plain black only such as school holdall or rucksack. No logos or added decoration. Fashion bags or handbag styles are not allowed. Logos, which are coloured in, are not acceptable. No plastic drawstring retail style such as JD bags are allowed to carry PE kit.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Logo's are not allowed</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Plain Black Bag only</p> </div> </div>
Make up and nails:	<p>No makeup or nail varnish/gel may be worn. Students will be asked to remove any nail varnish or make up if worn to school.</p> <p>This includes any lip cover such as gloss (a subtle non shiny lip balm can be used for dry lips). Nail extensions are not permitted. Extended eyelashes, foundation, eye makeup, tinted or cosmetically enhanced eyebrows, false tan are not permitted under any circumstances.</p> <p>No tattoos are allowed. (illegal) To include henna or any transfers. (Continuous breach of this rule will result in serious sanction).</p>
PE/Sports kit:	
PE top (Boys & Girls)	<p>Official Black with house colours on the sleeve and side panel, with crest (H)</p> <p>Students are allowed to wear plain black skins under <u>PE kit only</u>.</p>
Shorts (Boys & Girls)	Plain black Shorts 'Attack' Style. No Logos and no cycling shorts.
Outdoor Zip Top	<p>Official Plain black with gold trimming and Bishop Thomas Grant School logo (Optional) (H) You may also use the black fleece attached to the school coat.</p>
Outdoor tracksuit bottoms	Official Plain black with Bishop Thomas Grant School logo (Optional) (H) .
Socks x 2	Plain black ankle socks and plain football knee high socks
Footwear x 2	<p>Suitable non studded sports trainers and suitable studded boots.</p> <p>High tops and plimsoll styles are not acceptable for trainers.</p> <p>These can be bought from any sport retailers.</p>

Valuables Bag (Compulsory)	Small plain black bag to hold all valuables. No valuables will be taken by staff if they are not placed in a personally identified school's valuables bag. <u>If valuables are not handed in at the start of the lesson, then the school will take no responsibility for loss or damage.</u>
Drawstring Bag/Black Holdall	Plain black drawstring bag or holdall. No retail plastic bags allowed even to carry footballs/basketballs
Mouth guards (Boys & Girls)	Rugby (Compulsory)
Shin Pads (Boys & Girls)	Football (Compulsory)

Non Uniform Items will be confiscated such as jewellery if they do not follow our School Uniform Code. Parents are expected to support the school in this matter and the consequences if the uniform is not rectified.

We advise the I.D label for your child's backpack is attached to the inside of one of the straps.

Hair Policy

Hair should be clean, tidy and in a style which is in keeping with the formality of school life. Extreme styles are not permitted as they draw attention and distract other students.

All hair styles should be of a natural colour, dyed hair is not acceptable.

Girls Hair

Shoulder length hair should be tied back for health and safety reasons.

Plain black or school green ribbons, hair bands or scrunchies are allowed.

Boys Hair:

Shaved heads, long hair below the collar or in the eyes, dyed hair, tramlines, patterns, shaved sides shorter than a number 2 and shaved eyebrows are not acceptable. Boys are to be clean shaven.

These rules apply while travelling to and from school and also on the school site.

No mobile phones or electronic equipment allowed. These will be confiscated if used, seen or heard. Please note, the phone will be checked to ensure they have not been used in and out of school to film, photograph or record any area of the school or member of the school community. This is a safeguarding requirement.

Property

Students should take great care of their own property and respect the property of others as well as school property. Valuables, including mobile phones, other electronic equipment and unnecessary large sums of money must not be brought to School as these could be confiscated. Parents will be expected to recover such items. The school takes no responsibility if these are lost or stolen.

Nothing of value should be left in bags or in pockets that are left unattended, i.e., in PE changing rooms or classrooms. Students should hand valuables to PE staff during PE lessons. If a valuable item is brought to school by mistake or if a valuable item is found it should be handed into the School Office. Students may enquire at the School Office for lost property.